

## **Co- President's Greeting**

Aloha CGSA! We hope you all had a Fabulous February and Cupid stopped by on Valentines Day to share a little romance. February's Membership Meeting was a fun opportunity to provide a touch of Valentines cheer for our spouses. Our group-effort gift baskets turned out to be a hit. Contributions ranged from chocolate hot lips to merlot wine to measuring tape. Many thanks to **Deb Collier**, **Cam Cunningham**, and **Stephanie Nault** for hosting us at Boutiki. March's Membership Meeting will be held at the home of **Mary Dutton** on Wednesday March 9<sup>th</sup>.

We have a nominating committee!! **Veronica Whitehead**, **Susan Heard**, and **Peg Hamacher** have graciously volunteered their time to solicit for CGSA members interested in filling the Executive board positions for the 2005/06 club year. If you are interested in serving as President, Vice President, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, or Corresponding Secretary, please let one of the members of the nominating committee know. The position of President can be shared between 2 people, and be considered as one "ticket".

Have you RSVP'd for the annual CGSA Dinner and Silent Auction at Club 14? You have until February 28<sup>th</sup> to put your name on the list, so don't delay. This fabulous event is our main fundraiser for the year and is an evening of good food, good friends, and some great deals on our wonderful auction donations. There will be door prizes, dinner and a whole lot of fun for just \$11.00 per person. The party starts at 6:30pm. Friends and visitors are welcome to attend as well (no kiddos please, this is a night for the grown-ups). If you're reading this before March 1<sup>st</sup>, hurry and call **Rachel Diehl** at 833-5468 to RSVP. Don't miss it!

Another big event to write on your calendar is the Children's Easter Party on Saturday March 19<sup>th</sup> at the Sand Island Baseball Field. **Veronica Whitehead** and her committee have been planning for months to make this a very special event for kids age newborn to nine years old. All children must be registered to participate in the Easter Egg hunt and take pictures with the Easter Bunny. Registration was on February 23<sup>rd</sup>, so hopefully your children are registered and ready to go!

We hope that in the midst of all these fun activities the coming of spring and the Easter season will bring renewal and new growth to your lives.

With warm aloha, Julianna and Linda

## **Nominating Committee**

We have volunteers for the nominating committee! They are Veronica Whitehead (839-6244), Peg Hamacher (836-6938), and Susan Heard (833-0912). If you are interested in a board position contact one of these ladies. All executive and general board positions need to be filled. Some do not take a great deal of your time or energy, so please consider whether you can help keep the CGSA running for another year!

You can find a full description of each positions duties and responsibilities in the membership directory on pages 40-42. (Remember their can be co-presidents that would be voted as one slate.)

Also, if you currently hold a position on the board or chair a committee, please let the nominating committee know whether you would like to continue in that capacity next year.

## **Hike Club**

We were a group of seven that hiked up to the lighthouse on Makapu'u Point. We had a great day for whale watching, although just a tad windy. We did see whales, several in fact. After much patience we saw a few brech. There were a few moms with their babies, teaching them how to jump. We walked around the outside of the lighthouse, but the wind was blowing so hard it was difficult to keep out binoculars steady, so we went inside the lighthouse for a while and enjoyed a private view of the whales. It was nice sitting around up there, knowing all of the tourists looking at us were wondering how we got there since the gates are kept locked. Mahalo to Rachel Diehl for getting the key to the lighthouse.

I hope you can join us next month on March 15th, another Tuesday. We will leave the country store on Red Hill at 9am, and we are usually pretty prompt on that departure time. I think we will try a recommendation from Bert Diehl and try the Makiki Valley Loop. It is about 2.1 miles and will take about 2 hours to hike. More details when we get closer. You can contact me at 262-6999 or donnagenco@earthlink.net **Donna Genco**

## **Book Club**

If one were to ask, "World, which is the most perfect novel ever written?", the world would immediately answer. Madam Bovary.

So says Amazon!!! Madame Bovary is also billed as “the original desperate housewife”, a masterful book about lust and idols, a romantic fantasy, a psychological masterpiece and the amazing story of a woman who loves to read. This is a book for today, even though it was written in France in the 1800’s when it caused quite a scandal with its portrayal of a spoiled adulteress. It also sounds rather dark, but since Classics is the theme for March, how could it not be a bit more serious?!!!

Madame Bovary, by Gustave Flaubert, is a timeless classic set in 19th century French country side. It is the tragic tale of the marriage between Emma Rouault and Charles Bovary. The story is told in chronological order without any moral judgment. Morality is apparently left to the reader’s judgment and interpretation, which should give us quite a lot to discuss at Book Club!

Sounds intriguing !! So get reading and join the Bookworms on Monday, March 21 at Lori Ulsh’s house, 3570 Forward, 833-8970.

*Carin Adickes*

## **Fisher House**

Aloha, and mahalo to everyone who donated their time and talents for our *ono* February meal! Our talented cooks were as follows: Lori Ulsh, Shelley Drisko, GeorgeAnn Wurster, Aimee Baker, and Peg Hamacher.

Our March meal will be delivered on Friday, March 18<sup>th</sup>. Our volunteer cooks are as follows: **Bread:** Judy Carroll, **Main Course:** Lori Ulsh, **Cooked Salad/Baked Vegetable:** Melissa Brogan, **Cooked Vegetable:** Margaret Kjeldgaard, **Dessert:** Marci Williams. Thank you in advance, ladies, for your talents, time, and energy!

We have **lots** of blank spaces in our sign up sheets for the months of May through August (we refuse to beg, but we *will* drop huge hints!) If you would like to help with our monthly Fisher House meals, please feel free to call us, Marci Curtis or Destiny Fitzgerald, at 834-7997 (Marci) or 834-8785 (Destiny). You can also e-mail us at: [paul4marci@aol.com](mailto:paul4marci@aol.com), or [destiny@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:destiny@hawaii.rr.com). Please don’t be shy...we would love to hear from you!

Mahalo again for all of the fantastic support that you all have shown. The guests staying at Fisher House are always so happy and grateful to see us (and our food!) on the third Friday of every month.

Much Aloha, ***Marci Curtis*** and ***Destiny Fitzgerald***

## **Lunch Bunch**

I thought we would try something different for March. Let's meet for breakfast at Cinnamon's Restaurant in Kailua, on Wednesday March 16th at 9:00. They offer their own specials of the day as well as eggs Benedict, omelets and pancakes.

*Julie Dootie*

**Coast Guard Ball coming April 30<sup>th</sup>. Be on the lookout for those selling tickets.**